

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

14. (new) A cordless thread control device for selective control of an oscillating movement of a thread transversely to its running direction, comprising:

at least one lifting device capable of being driven in oscillation;

at least one driver having a guide for the thread; and

at least one detaining device having control means actuatable by an actuator to bring the driver selectively into engagement with the lifting device, the driver having a damper, the driver being bend-resistant in a longitudinal direction and being divided between the lifting device and the control means, the driver having parts connected to one another by an elastic damper member and/or the driver being capable of being coupled contactlessly to the lifting device via an electromagnetic field, acting as a damper, of an electromagnetic coupling device.

15. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the damper is configured as a stop for the lifting device.

16. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the coupling device includes a permanent magnet arranged fixedly on the driver, the magnet having a pole held suspended between two homopolar poles of a magnetic device which are arranged on the lifting device so that the driver is driven as long as said driver is not detained by the control means.

17. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the poles of the permanent magnet are oriented in a direction of movement of the driver.

18. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the poles of the permanent magnet are oriented transversely to a direction of movement of the driver.

19. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the magnetic device of the lifting device is of permanent-magnetic design.

20. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 16, wherein the magnetic device of the lifting device is of electromagnetic design.

21. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the thread is a warp thread of a shedding device of a weaving machine.

22. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 21, wherein the detaining device, as seen in weft direction and/or warp direction of the shedding device, has an equal division as the drivers guiding the warp threads.

23. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the driver is configured as a flat lifter having one end part formed as a control means which is bringable into engagement with a detaining member under influence of an electromagnetic actuator.

24. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the actuator is an oblique-pole magnet.

25. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the end part of the driver is a leaf spring.

26. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 23, wherein the end part of the driver has a locking recess that cooperates with the detaining member.

27. (new) The thread control device as defined in claim 14, wherein the driver cooperates with a return spring arranged on an end part facing away from the control means.